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ORE need for Operational Information from Military Departments

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References: a. Memorandum from Deputy ACSC-2 to Director of Central Intelligence, dated 10 May 1950, ER 1-356, same subject
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1. It is understood that [REDACTED] of your office is drawing together the operational information needs of the several CIA components to consolidate into a reply to reference a. which requests a statement of requirements for such information.
2. It is felt that no topical enumeration of CIA interests could satisfactorily cover the need for operational information from the military departments, particularly inasmuch as such a listing might logically be looked upon as restrictive, and might, indeed, result in the eventual diminution of the flow already established.
3. Since, under the terms of NSC 5412, CIA assumes the responsibility for producing intelligence relating to the national security, and since the major portion of that responsibility rests upon ORE, this Office is interested in all information—including operational—which bears directly or indirectly upon the security interests of the United States. Our situation estimates must necessarily take into consideration the impact upon the foreign situation of any implementation, diplomatic or military, of U. S. foreign policy. It is therefore necessary that any major development in such implementation be reported promptly to CIA, step-by-step and in detail.
4. Upon receipt of the G-2 statement of interest, which was originally requested, this Office will undertake a more comprehensive elaboration of ORE interest expressed above.
5. It is understood that this broad statement of interest in operational information is not to be taken as precluding future specific requests as the need may arise.

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